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**COMBINED CTWG COMMANDERS' CALL/STAFF CALL  
MINUTES  
5 April 2006**

Attendance

WING COMMANDER  
VICE COMMANDER  
CHIEF OF STAFF  
SR. ADVISOR TO COMMANDER  
ASST ADMIN  
STATE DIRECTOR  
103<sup>RD</sup> COMP. SQ - CT004  
SILVER CITY COMP. SQ. - CT014  
STRATFORD EAGLES COMP. SQ - CT022  
169<sup>TH</sup> COMPOSITE SQUADRON – CT027  
399<sup>TH</sup> COMPOSITE SQUADRON – CT042  
C. K. HAMILTON COMP. SQ. – CT058  
NORTHWEST HILLS COMP. SQ. – CT062  
ROYAL CADET. SQ. – CT071  
CT MINUTEMEN COMP. SQ. – CT073  
DANIELSON COMP. SQ. – CT074  
THAMES RIVER COMP. SQ. – CT075  
DIRECTOR OF CADET PROGRAMS  
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS  
VISITOR-CT022  
CTWG SAFETY OFFICER  
CHAPLAIN  
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LEGAL OFFICER  
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE OFFICER  
DIR CADET PROGRAMS, DIR DDR/DIR PROF DEV  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS  
LICENSING OFFICER  
GROUND OPERATIONS OFFICER  
FLYING SAFETY OFFICER  
DIRECTOR OF OPS/ES OFFICER  
ASST. DIR. OF OEPRATIONS  
EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICER ASSISTANT

Name:

COL JENSEN  
MAJ VALLEAU  
LT COL HUCHKO (EX)  
COL PALMER  
LT BAILEY  
MR. ISABELLE  
LT KINSKY  
MAJ DAVIAULT (NP)  
MAJ OESTREICHER  
MAJ MAGURNY  
LT DELLAVECCHIA  
CAPT TRUJILLO  
MAJ MAFFIA (NP)  
CAPT DILL  
CAPT DALEY (NP)  
MAJ PROVOST  
LT COL KINCH  
MAJ MARTEKA  
COL STURGES  
SM GARCIA  
LTC STIDSEN  
MAJ BRUUN  
LTC McDONOUGH  
CAPT A. DI VINCENTIS  
SM T. DURMAN (NP)  
MAJ MARTEKA  
MAJ VALLEAU  
CAPT C. KELLING  
1LT CARTIER (NP)  
LT SLEDGE  
CAPT LE BOEUF (NP)  
COL. STURGES  
COL. HERBERT (NP)  
LT CERITELLO

WING TRAINING OFFICER  
WING TRAINING OFFICER ASSISTANT  
ASST WING TRAINING OFFICER  
STAN/EVAL OFFICER  
DIRECTOR OF AEROSPACE EDUCATION  
SUPPLY/TRANSPORTATION/REAL EST. OFFICER  
FINANCE OFFICER  
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT  
COUNTER NARCOTICS OFFICER  
VISITOR CT071  
VISITOR CT042

MAJ SHAPIRO  
CAPT ROMANO (NP)  
CAPT HOLLIS (NP)  
CAPT DILL  
LT EGAN  
LTC BRIGNOLA  
LTC ROWEN  
CAPT SCHINITIS  
CAPT J. KELLING  
LTC A. CICHOCKI  
LTC SANDERSON

(REP) Representative, (NP) Not Present, (EX) Excused

Meeting called to order at 1930 by Colonel Jensen.

### **COL JENSEN**

- Talked about Strat Ops being held at Griffiss Air Force base. We will be having a plane fly down. Colonel Jensen will pay to have another plane fly down from Wing.
- He has sent a note to his peers in other Wings letting them know what activities CTWG has planned in the future.
- Promoted SM Di Vincentis to Captain.
- The Royal Cadet Squadron is about to become the Royal Charter Composite Squadron. Tonight we are going to make it official. Will Capt Dill come join me and we will sign the Form 27 and send to National to make it official.
- We have a change coming up at the CT Minuteman squadron. Major Valteau will address that..
- I would like to introduce our new Wing Chaplain, Major Peter Bruun..
- MA always has a booth at the Connecticut Expo in MA. Most of the people inquiring at the booth have been from CT. We were asked if there were some seniors and cadets from CT who could help out at the booth this year. I will get back to MA and get some details on this so maybe some of our squadrons could help out. This is another recruiting opportunity.
- Another recruiting opportunity will be the Home school booth that Manchester is working.
- Which of your units have an active rocketry program? I'd like to see any activity that cadets consider cool because anything that is considered cool they will stick around. Rocketry is right up there with encampments and orientation flights. We are getting one of the two best AE officers in the NER taking over at Region. Capt Sturges will be taking over AE in Region. I would like to develop rocketry better to foster this program and work with Lt Egan. We'll see if our retention improves. I intend to bring this up at the CAC meeting where I am going next. (Valteau-Cadets would like to see a competition between squadrons.) There's a lot of expertise available. If we are going to have a unit competition, we need to give them all a chance to

prepare for this. This is the fun part of AE. This is something I would like to see in our AE/Cadet programs.

- I have asked National for recruiting material. See Lt Bailey and take as many as you need. Our recruiting posters have not yet arrived. I will make sure you each get a set.
- National sends me a 90-day list and a 15-day list of cadets interested in CAP. I've been sending those directly to you all.

#### **COLONEL PALMER**

- Nothing going on
- Not getting CAC minutes. I did not get any last year even if on web. Commanders should not have to go to the web site to read the CAC minutes. They can email to the commander but he should not have to go to the web site to see the minutes.

#### **LT COL ROWEN**

- There are policies that have to be created. We are in that process.
- We are in the black.
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#### **COLONEL STURGES**

- April 22 will be the pre-GTE. I need ground teams. I need to know tonight. Please give me this information. I need to know all the assets—vans, ground teams, ground team leaders. Air crews are pretty much set. If you have air crews who are not assigned, please send them to base and we will assign them.
- On May 13 there is the Strat Ops at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome. Anyone can go. I will talk to Colonel Jensen about the airplanes that can go—private airplanes can go. I should be getting a synopsis on what will be going on.
- May 20 is our GTE. Each commander should be committed to participate in our GTE.
- If anyone has not been paid for past missions, please let me know so I can get together with Lt Col Rowen to see what has happened to your payment.
- We will be sending the State Director the latest list of “O” pilots. He will give us a new mission number for this month. Keep on flying even though we have used up all the Air Force money for this. I need the airplanes in the air. I need hours on the airplanes.
- As commanders you need to go into MIMMS and make sure all the information for your pilots is in. If they are not showing up in MIMMS, they don't show up on the lists. Jensen-MIMMS is the final definitive word. You must be in MIMMS or you can't fly the airplanes. If I can't solve your problem, Capt. Romano can.
- Cadets last CAC meeting—cadets requested a possibility of putting together a cadet ground team training weekend. I said no problem, we'll support it, you put it together, you pick the dates, we get the date approved. I have been waiting for their plan.

- I also have a request from cadets to do a GSAR at our encampment. I read over their information. Have a fantastic plan but I have put it in the hands of Bill Flynn the Encampment Commander. If he approves it, we'll support it.

#### **MAJ SHAPIRO**

- May 20 should be an exciting exercise. We will be at the Royal Charter Composite Squadron facility for this exercise.
- You will have an Air Force number that you can use for the entire month of April. Please email me your information and I will give you the number.
- We have Wing funds for training both for air and ground.

#### **LT SLEDGE**

- I have nothing

#### **LT CERITELLO**

- We have sent two missions in for reimbursement. We have one more and then we will be all caught up.

#### **CAPT J. KELLING**

- We're making good progress in the CD area.
- We need to reiterate to commanders that there are parachutes in the airplanes and can be dangerous if opened in plane. This is just an alert.

#### **CAPT C. KELLING**

- Basic communications training. We will be having a class at the conference. I will also be planning one shortly after the conference.
- Advanced communications user training. We will be having a class on that later. If you have people interested in that, let me know.
- We are in the process of transferring from narrow band to wide band. With the radios.
- Repeater project-we started receiving equipment. Major Valleau is in the process of getting the program set up to get out to the field. Once equipment is in place you will be able to speak to anyone in the staff. Valleau-will have a formal briefing on this next year.
- CTWG Conference-conference coming along nicely. Have a program ready to use. Will not have region cc at our conference. Jensen-Colonel Diduch had to go to New York for interviews of new commander candidates. Linker will be here.
- National Historian, Region Medical Officer coming in.
- If postmark is not in by today, you will have to pay higher prices.
- Jensen-would like to see full participation from all the units this year. Please encourage your people to come.
- If you have not brought your squadron flags up this year, please do so in the next week or so.

- Before conference will send out a communications roster. Please correct and send back to us.

**CAPT SCHINITIS**

- We have one last laptop being repaired and then all squadrons will have laptops.

**LTC SANDERSON**

- Nothing

**LTC CHIHOCKI**

- Nothing

**LTC MC DONOUGH**

- Squadron commanders need to do a self audit. You will have 50 days to complete and return. I will get these out to the squadrons shortly.

**LT EGAN**

- AE doing fine

**CAPT DI VINCENTIS**

- The meeting scheduled for today with OEM on the MOU was canceled. Major Shapiro and I have gone over the MOU.

**LTC MYLCHREEST**

- Nothing

**LTC BRIGNOLA**

- Showed a tire from one of our vehicles. (It was in bad shape.) We were lucky when the flat happened on I95. You need to check your tires and make sure they are in good shape and make sure they have the correct tire pressures. You need to get underneath the vehicle to make sure there are no bubbles, etc. in tire. We need to ensure the safety of our members.
- There is a plate on the door that says what the tire pressure should be fully loaded.
- (Provost-use the tire pressures on the door not those listed on the tire?). You need to find out where you buy the tire because National wants us to follow the numbers on the door because that's the gospel. The most important thing is safety.

**MAJ VALLEAU**

- Had a successful hi-tech ICALL session and basic communications course at Danbury Squadron. Excellent comments from the state people who were there. They were impressed and we may be asked to do it again.

- Middletown EM dropped down this evening to talk about operability work. Believe it will be more than communications so will get together with operations and discuss this.
- I am rewriting our department quotes for grant requests. Hopefully something will come of this.
- Wing CC got a copy. Communications security is becoming a pain. The days of posting frequency information is going away real fast. They want to keep all this stuff secure and don't understand what they are venturing into. I had a long talk with NY counterpart on another issue and to a point where we won't allow our members to have radios because we won't be able to program them. This is an issue that needs to be taken up with the National Commander. They are requesting all of us to go through our plans. And either put them behind the web or it gets destroyed. Current copies of 100-1 will no longer be sold. Remaining copies will be shredded.

#### **COL STIDSEN**

- Most squadrons have been turning in your safety reports monthly. The annual safety survey was due tonight. Please send in.
- Noises and hear loss. Be safe when you are around noise. Be careful w/pods, Bluetooth's, etc. They can affect your hearing.

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#### **CT004**

- Laser Quest with cadets – it was a fun getaway for the cadets.
- Fielded a color guard team
- Supported air museum for the boy scouts.
- Will support the guard base with a family function for the Easter Egg hunt.
- Have a tour of Bradley tower this month.
- A couple of parades in May.

#### **CT022**

- We had seniors attend SLS a week or two ago and graduated. The total for the SLS seminar was 29 seniors..
- Rocketry program is starting off at our squadron. Are going to do an AE and Safety project for the Wing conference. Marched in the New Haven St. Patrick's day parade.

#### **CT027**

- Tom Durman will be coming down to squadron to take his Level I and CPPT.
- Conference-we will have an AE display.
- Have two cadets interested in doing the speech competition.
- GTE—I need someone to take charge of my cadets. Will talk with someone about this.
- Home school conference in June—we need people to cover on Friday, June 9. They want one senior and one cadet. The conference will be covered by Major Maffia, Major Provost and myself. We just need help on Friday.

- (Jensen—this could benefit CAP.) (Trujillo—we have some cadets who are home schooled so we should be able to help on Friday.)

#### **CT042**

- Have a fundraiser on April 22 so won't be at pre-GTE on April 22.
- We had approximately 15 "O" flights today.
- Have three prospective cadets.
- In process of training five more pilots.
- Five senior prospectives.
- Helped out at Open Cockpit.
- I will be away April 7-17 and Lt Col Sanderson will be Acting Commander
- April 30 having a March of Dimes activity.

#### **CT058**

- My senior members are very active.
- Last activity we did with the Navy chorus went well. Cadets all showed up in their blues. They were impressive and enjoyed the program.
- I will see if I can get a couple cadets for Friday, June 9.
- (Magurany—we need to limit it to two people at a time.) I will see what I can do.
- I have cadets going to RI encampment.
- I have two cadets who got approved for the flight program down south.
- Two of my senior members attended the SLS and will attend the CLC.
- Speech competition—I may have one cadet who wants to do this.
- Important to be careful with loud noises that will damage the inner ear.

#### **CT071**

- Had a SAREX last Sunday. There were seven training sorties—two transport sorties were also flown.
- Had ground team sorties also. Major Provost's group came down.
- Have a 19 year old senior member who wants to be a ground team leader. He is working toward this.
- Had a name change.
- Lt Ganis, my DCS, is having health issues. Please keep him in your thoughts.
- 998 is down with a cylinder problem.
- Were down at the New Haven St. Patrick's Day parade.
- Lt Egan got his private pilot license last Friday.
- I had three at the SLS.
- I will be out of town from the 26-30 April.
- My new seniors find the application for the Wing Conference very confusing—not sure if for three days, etc. (Valleau—will discuss that with the conference committee.)

**CT074**

- Last month was slow for us.
- In process now of getting back with moving into the new trailer and getting things set up.
- Need to get the wire and tower all set up for the radios.
- Will have some cadets going to the conference.
- Encampment—we would like to ask you to either send him or myself an email as to approx. what basics you are going to send to encampment. If we don't have enough basic cadets, then we won't have to fill some of the senior cadet staff. We need to give cadet staff some kind of idea on what they will need for staff.
- Next Wednesday will be a meeting of the cadet staff.
- Next CC will definitely be a cutoff for basic applications. Were supposed to be in tonight.
- DRMO—I went down. There was a lot of misunderstanding and rumor that we could go down once a month. You can go down every week and any day of the week. You do not have to do it at any particular plan. When you go down there you look for a certain number, scan it and it will tell us what it is and if we have it. Then you need to send to Isabelle. He will get signed and send back to you. It will be a two week turnaround before we get the paperwork back. It can only stay at DRMO for a certain amount of time. Once that time has gone by, we cannot get it—it will go over to GSA. New supplies come in every week. DRMO is at the sub base. I was too late to get there to get the stuff. The cases had already been signed to the GSA. We are going to have very few BDUs coming to us at this time. I will go down every three weeks. When I go down to pick up the stuff I will screen the new stuff. (Jensen—we should continue this after the meeting.

**CT075**

- I had seven people at the SLS.
- Had frustrating wait for the aircraft to come out of the annual.

Meeting adjourned at 2015 local. Dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

//signed//

Cassandra Huchko, LTC, CAP  
CTWG CS/DP



